Railway recruitment examinations in AP

3242. SHRI NADIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the light of growing tension between locals and non-locals in Orissa and the large number of regular incidences resulting in violence against Andhra Pradesh candidates, who had to appear for Railway recruitment examinations only in Orissa, Government propose to issue a mandatory order for the Railways, to permit Andhra Pradesh candidates to appear for any Railways recruitment examination, for any category at any place within Andhra Pradesh, selected by recruitment authorities.

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would propose a solution to this regular crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No report of any discrimination against students of any State has been received so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rape in local train at Mumbai

3243. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the rape committed on a mentally ratarded, minor girl, in a local train at Mumbai as reported in the Indian Express dated 17th August, 2002;

(b) whether any compensation/relief was paid to the victim;

(c) whether the Railways have deployed any special force, to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details of the deployment and incidents reported thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) On 14.8.2002 in local train No. 909 Ex. Churchgate to Borivali, an incident of rape of a mentally retarded girl, aged about 18 years, took place in second class general compartment between Malad and Kandivali Railway Stations. The culprit was apprehended by GRP/Borivali and a case was registered *vide* CR No. 153/2002 u/s 376, 506 (II) of IPC dated 14.8.2002.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Prevention and detection of crime on the Railways, including running trains, is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments. The cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). However, the RPF assist the GRP in controlling crime over Railways and following steps have been taken by the Railways:

(i) Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

(ii) Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constable of GRP and RPF.

(iii) Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

(d) No specific case has come to notice.

Declining traffic in trains

3244. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are witnessing a continuous